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CDPH WARNS CONSUMERS NOT TO EAT “GINGER CANDY” FROM CHINA

SACRAMENTO – Kevin Reilly, acting director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), today warned consumers not to eat “Ginger Candy” imported from China after CDPH tests found it contained more than twice the amount of lead that California allows in candy products.

The candy with the brand name “Ginger Candy” contained as much as 0.25 parts per million (ppm) of lead. California considers candies with lead levels in excess of 0.10 ppm to be contaminated. Pregnant women and parents of children who may have consumed this candy should consult their physician or health care provider to determine if medical testing is needed. Although there have been no illnesses reported from consumption of the candy, consumers in possession of “Ginger Candy” should discard immediately.



“Ginger Candy” is manufactured by DaiJyoBu® in China, imported and distributed by Anhing Corporation in Los Angeles. Anhing Corporation has initiated a voluntary recall of the candy and is working with businesses to ensure that the contaminated candies are removed from the market place. “Ginger Candy” is sold in an 8 ½” x 6” plastic bag containing six individually wrapped pieces of candy. There is a bright orange border at the top of the package. Chinese characters and “Ginger Candy” appear in the border. The bag is decorated with boxes that alternate between clear and white with blue dots. The bottom of the package shows a large yellow ginger root with green sprouts. There is a character of a winking, black-haired boy on the right-hand side of the package. The word “DaiJyoBu®” appears at the boy’s feet.

Consumers who find the brand name “Ginger Candy” for sale are encouraged to call the CDPH Complaint Hotline at 1-800-495-3232. For more information about lead poisoning, contact your county childhood lead poisoning prevention program or public health department. Additional information is available at CDPH’s [California Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch: Children at Risk](#) page. Additional information, including photos, is available at www.cdph.ca.gov

